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KARACHI FOR RSS

E.O. 11652 GDS
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SUBJECT: COUNTER TERRORISM FUNDS

1. US EMBASSY AMMAN HAS ENJOYED FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME THE ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION OF THE JORDANIAN AUTHORITIES IN UTILIZING THEIR MILITARY FACILITIES TO CONDUCT THE MONTHLY FAMILIARIZATION FIRING FOR NUMEROUS PERSONNEL FROM BOTH EMBASSIES AMMAN AND DAMASCUS. HOWEVER DURING THIS PERIOD OF TIME CONSIDERING THE AMOUNT OF AMMUNITION EXPENDED AND THE VARIOUS ASSORTED TYPES OF WEAPONRY USED, THE FIRING RANGE HAS NOT LITERALLY BEEN DEMOLISHED.

2. SINCE POST IS NOT BUDGETED FOR THIS TYPE OF EXPENSE IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED IF A/SY/T/SP COULD PROVIDE A BALE OR PALLET OF SANDBAGS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE IT WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$100.00 TO REPLACE THEM. THE JORDANIANS AUTHORITIES HAVE SEVERE BUDGETARY RESTRICTIONS AND ARE NOT PROGRAMMED FOR REPLACING THE DESTROYED MATERIAL AND ALTHOUGH WANT TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM ASSISTANCE TO THE US EMBASSY THEY HAVE INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THIS PRIVILEGE EXTENDED TO EMBASSIES AMMAN AND DAMASCUS WILL BE
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TERMINATED UNLESS THE SANDBAGS CAN BE REPLACED.

3. BASED ON ABOVE IT IS OBVIOUS EMBASSY
AMMAN STANDS TO LOSE A PRIVILEGE WHICH IS NOT VERY
COMMON IN THE MIDDLE EAST. ADDITIONALLY THERE ARE
NO ALTERNATIVES IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD TO MAINTAIN
FIRING PROFICIENCY.

4. YOUR ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING THE REQUESTED SANDBAGS
OR FUNDS IS MOST APPRECIATED.
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